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Subject: FEIS for Central Ferry-Lower Monumental Power Transmission Line Project
(EPA Project number 09-031-BPA)

Dear Ms. Berry:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed **Central Ferry-Lower Monumental Transmission Line Project** (CEQ# 20110037) in Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla Counties, WA in accordance with our authorities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and §309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

In our comments on the draft EIS in August 2010, EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality, land use and farmlands, and biological resources impacts. We recommended the FEIS discuss measures to avoid, reduce, and mitigate impacts to those resources, and BPA coordinate with other agencies working to protect the resources in the project area and vicinity.

The FEIS was responsive to our comments on the draft EIS. In particular, we appreciate additional clarifying information on measures to protect and preserve water quality and biological resources within the project area. Because there is no monitoring information on wildlife impacts from transmission lines in eastern Washington where the proposed project is located and another power line exists, we believe it will be important to coordinate with the US Fish and Wildlife Service as new data on the impacts are collected and risks to species in the area determined. Your responses address our concerns.

If you have questions or you would like to discuss the above comments, please contact me at (206) 553-1601 or Theo Mbabaliye of my staff at (206) 553-6322 or by email at Mbabaliye.theo@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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